

Message

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Subject: RE: Region 3 news releases on emergency water supply under 1431 of SDWA?

Thanks, Roger!

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Rick,

I'm almost certain we issued press releases for the three PFAS 1431 Orders you mentioned, in which we required bottled water as a temporary alternate water supply. We also issued 1431 Orders to Belden & Blake for contaminating a community of private water supplies. Bottled water was provided as a temporary measure. We required bottled water for the community of Bally, Pennsylvania which was contaminated with 1,4-dioxane in its public water supply well. Finally, we required bottled water as a temporary measure for a couple of private water supply users contaminated with sodium chloride from a nearby salt pile. I don't believe we issued press releases for any of these older cases however.

Roger

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Yes, Region 3 has had three instances that I know of where we required the immediate provision of bottled water to users of public water supplies or private wells under a 1431 SDWA order for PFAS contamination. Those were an order

to the Navy for the former Naval Air Warfare Center-Warminster, to the Air National Guard for contamination coming from the Horsham Air Guard Station and to DuPont/Chemours for contamination in and around their Washington Works plant near Parkersburg, WV. For Warminster, Horsham area, bottled water was provide to private well owners. The public water supplies were able to obtain safe water by buying from neighboring utilities through interconnections. DuPont and Chemours had to provide bottled water/water buffaloes to a few smaller towns that had to shut down all their wells and could not obtain enough water from neighboring facilities.

All of those orders were issued while I was working in LCD, so I do not know if any PRs were done.

Roger – do you remember if Region 3 issued a press release for any of the 1431 orders that talked about providing bottled water?

Long ago, we also issued a 1431 order to Mountaire, Inc when we determined that their waste water from a chicken processing facility contaminated nearby private wells with nitrates.

Amy – do you remember if the Region issued a PR related to the Mountaire case and provision of bottled water to private well owners?

Thanks,

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Thanks, Nina. I'm forwarding Roy's inquiry to Rick.

Rick – see **highlighted** inquiry below. Cecil and Steve Field recall that there was an emergency water supply provision in the Warminster and Willow Grove orders. Does this ring a bell?

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Rick Rogers is the person most likely to know.

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Roy-

I don't know if we issued a PR, and I don't know if it was pursuant to the SDWA 1431, but I vaguely recall that we have provided (or at least discussed) providing emergency drinking water in the past on a temporary basis. Maybe as part of our Dimock or Freedom response? I'm copying the ORC managers to ask if this rings a bell with anyone....

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Importance: High

Bill and David – Chad just called me and asked if we could recall issuing any news releases to announce supplying emergency drinking water under section 1431 of the SDWA... I did a quick search of Region 3 news releases in the EPA Newsroom, but could not come up with any... Seems like we must've had some on this for one of those crises in West Virginia or at some Superfund site. Let me know if you can recall any. Thanks.

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